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The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen House Committee on Appropriations H-305, U.S. Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Thank you

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In early 2016, I led a group of members in sending the enclosed letter to the leadership of the House Committee on Appropriations, asking that they include the following language in all future appropriations bills:

"None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography."

This language was included in Public Law 115-31, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 for all departments and agencies, with the exception of those appropriated by Division K (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies). This is tremendous progress, and I am grateful to have been a part of it.

As the committee works with the Senate to finalize Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations measures, I would respectfully encourage you to insist that this language be included again for all departments and agencies across the federal government. Waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayers' hard-earned money should be eliminated wherever possible, and this is a prime example.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter, and I am hopeful for your favorable response. Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Jones

Member of Congress